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FAREWELL BANQUET

W.S. Ruttan Given a Good Time by His Friends

W. S. Ruttan, who has been manager of the Peterborough Trading Company's store for the past five years, left on the Parnian Sunday for Port Arthur, Ont., where he will reside in future. Mr. Ruttan will be greatly missed in Wilmer, both from a social and business point of view. Without a doubt there was not a better known or more popular business man in all North East Kootenay than "Shan", as he was familiarly called by his friends. His even temper and pleasant disposition, his cheerful and unassuming manner, his chief characteristics of the man that was most marked upon no matter when or under what circumstances he was met, or by whom—great or small man, woman or child—he was the same; a gentleman and friend, with a smile and word of cheer for all. It is ever had troubles of his own, no one ever knew it. As a business man he has proved himself successful in many important positions and undertakings. The Outcrop joins in the general expression of his friends in the hope that he may ever continue to be successful wherever he may go, but above all it is hoped that he may in the near future decide to return here, knowing that the best to Wilmer will be a great gain to Port Arthur.

The five years Mr. Ruttan spent in Wilmer does not begin to represent the time he has spent in this valley. It is 22 years or more since he first saw this country, when he came west as the construction of the main line of the C. P. R. advanced and opened a store at Donald. Since that time he has been identified with all the best interests of the country.

There is it may wonder that his friends wanted to see him and to him are he is departed? Yet it was only by the mere chance they had the opportunity. It is far from Mr. Ruttan to court any such situation and for this reason he studiously avoided stating the date of his departure, but it leaked out about a o'clock Saturday afternoon that he was to start the next day. In about 15 minutes the entire force at the Hotel Dolphin were the busiest people in town, and more-over were busy announcing "Shan leaves tomorrow and he must be his guest tonight."

It was late Saturday night, it is not necessary to name the hour; so we will say it was just after court adjourned that every available seat was taken at the tables that completely filled the Hotel Dolphin dining-room. Mr. Bruce occupied the head of the table as chairman, with the guest of the evening at his side, and after all had heartily partaken of a luscious repast, introduced an exceptionally good program.

After the usual toasts had been made and heartily responded to the chairman in an appropriate address presented Mr. Ruttan with a handsome commemorative pipe as a memento of the esteem in which he was held by the people of the Columbia valley, and at the same time proposing the toast "Our friend", which all joined heartily in drinking, after singing with zest, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Ruttan on rising read the letter he had been not adequately express his feelings towards his friends for the many kindnesses shown him, both past and present. They had always been so kind to him that he had tried to avoid this last leave-taking, although he thoroughly appreciated the spirit that prompted this gathering. He, however, did not

accept this last demonstration and presentation as a business man, but as "one of the boys", and he would remember the things that transpired the last night spent in Wilmer so long as he lived. The generous gift he had received would serve to remind him every hour of the day of a host of the best lot of boys he ever met with in all his life. He said he was sorry to leave the valley and would not if he could avoid it, but for the present his interests elsewhere made it necessary, yet he hoped some day to return again. Then Mr. Ruttan referred in a humorous way to many of the "good times" he had had with those present and believed in the future he would often dream of the "pubbies" cast at his window in the small hours by some hungry villager present. Then Mr. Ruttan wound up his address with a fervent, "God bless you one and all, boys!" Afterwards by request he sang in excellent style his favorite song, "The North Sea Whaler."

The speeches that followed were all most complimentary toward the departing guest and the deepest regret was expressed by each speaker that he should be leaving at a time when it was believed the objects for which he had labored as ardently are about to be realized and a new era of prosperity for this country just dawning. Much as The Outcrop regrets it there is not again to report these speeches, although all of them were well worth reproducing. Therefore, we will now only mention the names of those who spoke, knowing that there are many others who had they known of Mr. Ruttan's departure in time, would have been present to add to the list. The speakers were:

Messrs. H. R. Foster, F. G. Ball, J. S. Johnston, Capt. F. A. Armstrong, Capt. H. T. Munn, Judge Wilson, E. J. Scott, H. Macdonald, C. Cameron, A. R. Yates, G. A. Starke, J. M. McLeod, Thos. Starch, J. Baker-White, Wm. Chamberlain, Dr. R. Elliot, A. Ritchie, M. McMillan, R. S. Gallop, W. Tegar, J. Williamson, J. S. Barbour, Chas. Palmer, and W. P. Evans.

Mine Leasing

The Standard is conducting a campaign in favor of the leasing system, and so successful has it been that it now declares that every property it has advertised is now under lease. So popular has the leasing system become in the Slokan that few mines are worked under the old system. There is no good reason advanced why the stamined the Slokan miners should not be followed in the Windermere. There are many idle properties here that the owners might lease to advantage and The Outcrop will advertise them for the small sum of \$1 per month each, which is the same price as is charged in the Slokan with success. Here are some remarks taken from the Standard on leasing:

Every property listed in this column has been leased. We want the owners to bring out more, as we have run out of claims. The charge is such a reasonable one, only \$1 for four insertions, that no property owner can afford to miss the opportunity. Almost instant inquiry is made.

The item of success in a leasing proposition is part luck and part perseverance joined with a small amount of capital. The two chief considerations are luck and perseverance. Of course experience enters into the game to a big extent, and it must be taken into consideration. The leasers in the camp who have the proper make-up, are the ones that have succeeded, and will succeed in future.

The Slokan will be brought to its most productive stage through the efforts of the leasers. The small operator will be a considerable factor in production, but the large company stock scheme will

K.C.R. LOOKS PROMISING

The telegram published in these columns last issue sent from Ottawa by President H. C. Pollen, of the Kootenay Central Railway Co., stating that "no extension of time for charter or subsidy of Kootenay Central has been asked for", and which was further confirmed by the letter of W. A. Galliber, M.P., stating, "So far as I know there is no revoting of Kootenay Central Railway subsidy being asked", was received with the greatest satisfaction throughout the valley. There can now be no doubt that the company at present are not seeking to extend their Dominion Government subsidy and as it expires on August 2nd, 1907, it becomes evident to all that the company means to push the construction of the road. There will be another session of Parliament before the subsidy expires, but that will not be held until next winter, and it would not be good business for the company to take chances on getting an extension then, for if the extension was refused they would not then be able to complete the road in time to earn the subsidy. Then, in order to make sure of the subsidy, amounting to \$650,000, which is, at least, 15 per cent of the cost of the building of the road, a great amount of work must necessarily be done this summer and fall. This is the way most people here size up the situation and it certainly has the appearance of sound reasoning.

The Outcrop may explain that our Ottawa correspondent evidently got the application of the B. C. S. for an extension of charter mixed with the K. C. R., however, his error has been the means of bringing out the true facts of the situation, much to the satisfaction of all concerned.

be a back number, unless in exceptional cases. The chief production will come from the aggregate of small producers. When lots of this class are worked the camp will be a good one; for the fruit of the successful effort of this class will be distributed in the community where earned.

A good custom plant is a necessity with the leasing system. It affords a ready market and keeps the leaser from going broke. It spurs him on to develop and he is enabled to stick at it because he has the necessary cash in his pocket to back up his effort. We earnestly hope the project will be taken up.

There is one instance of perseverance and genuine pluck up the North Fork of Carpenter creek. The man, who is a leaser, has driven about 640 feet of tunnel all alone, in fairly soft ground, has packed his grub up from three Forks on his back six miles, and worked him self harder, with no one near, than any man in the camp. His work is now beginning to count, and he has a fair showing.

DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

F. G. Ball has succeeded Mr. Ruttan as manager of the Peterborough Trading Company's store at Wilmer. Mr. Ball has been connected with the business for nearly five years and his promotion to this important position is but the natural consequence of careful and faithful service in the company's best interests and his fair dealings with his many customers. Everybody knows Mr. Ball and it is not necessary to dwell upon the business abilities of the man or his characteristics, suffice it to say that the better he is known the more popular he becomes. Success to you, "Fred."

Last Saturday and Sunday were two of the busiest days Wilmer has seen for some time.

Gold Commissioner Griffith came up from Golden by the last steamer and returned on Sunday.

Going to some important business in Calgary Hon. W. C. Wells was unable to come up on the last steamer, but he fully expects to come on next boat.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Tegar, the successful Windermere ranchers, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting their numerous friends in Wilmer. May they come again.

Wm. Haupt and Robt. M. Clute have received certificates of naturalization from the County Court of East Kootenay at the Wilmer registry, which makes about 40 who have received certificates since the court was established here.

Rev. J. D. McKinnon of Kingston, Ont., arrived on the Parnian Sunday to take charge of Presbyterian church missions in the Windermere district, and conducted his first services in Athlmer and Wilmer on Sunday. He is a active young man, who has just completed his college course, and being zealous in his work has certainly come to a field that is full of opportunities.

In a few weeks The Outcrop will enter upon its seventh year and we would respectfully request everyone who owes us a dollar to do what they can towards paying it. We need the money now to settle our own indebtedness and we are most desirous of starting the year with a clean sheet. Kindly do your best to square up, that is all we can do or any one else.

R. S. Gallop of Canterbury is making great improvements to his 2000-acre ranch on Horse Thief creek, and now has a force of men putting a bridge across that creek. He has put in a solid foundation and the stringers across it are heavy timber 40 feet in length. This will permit him to get to all parts of his big ranch conveniently at all seasons and to work it. He is also now preparing to start work on his mineral property and will give employment to quite a number of men.

The weather is becoming hot.

While here Judge Wilson took a drive over to Athlmer and Windermere and became acquainted with many people, with the result that all who met him have a most favorable impression of him as a Judge as well as a man. During his stay The Outcrop representative had a pleasant talk with His Worship and from questions gleaned that he was most favorably impressed with all he had seen of the valley. In fact the Judge intimated that he was delighted with the trip up the river and said he intended to bring his wife with him when he came again in June. He said he was pleased with the Wilmer Court House in fact it was a better court room than he had at Cranbrook; it was about the same size and it was much neater and more conveniently arranged than the one at Cranbrook. But the best court house in his whole district was at Golden, said he. Then the conversation drifted to witnesses and His Worship said that he had found that many people did not have a proper regard for an oath and that he was quite determined that he would make everyone here do respect for each. "In fact, there are three witnesses, who gave evidence before me, now serving time for perjury," said the Judge.

A bona fide investor in mining should closely look to what is invested in. No new stock formation should put its shares on the market without submitting to a full and impartial investigation. If it is bona fide it will invite it, and it should be careful of the class it allows to invest. Speculation should be eliminated as far as possible.

It requires no great ability to understand that if mineral deposits are not to be worked in good faith, the ownership of them should not be placed in the hands of the community to be placed in private hands. As similar deposits are utilized elsewhere these constantly increase in value, and all this increase goes to the private owner without his being compelled to do anything to earn it. The minerals might much more reasonably remain in the ownership of the whole people than be handed over to a few private individuals. —Toronto Globe.

COUNTY COURT

Judge Wilson held his first court in the Wilmer Court House on Saturday afternoon, which lasted until within a few minutes of midnight. There were only four cases to be heard, but there were many witnesses. Here is a brief summary of the cases.

Foster vs. Martin.—Action for goods sold and delivered. The defendant counter-claimed for \$227. Judgment was given for \$120 and costs.

Haupt vs. Starbird.—Defendant acquired a lease and bond of a third interest owned by T. H. Taylor in Tecomah mineral claim in April, 1905. Plaintiff owned the other two-thirds interest in the claim, and worked it and made shipments of ore from same in summer of 1905 during the life of the lease and bond held by defendant. Defendant took no part in the operation of the property. Plaintiff claimed \$185, one-third of the lot he claimed to have sustained in the operation of the property. Action dismissed with costs against plaintiff.

Starbird vs. Haupt.—Action for trespass and for the value of work timber and supplies alleged to have been taken by defendant from plaintiff's property on McDonald creek, and appropriated to his own use, and for two and one-half acres of plaintiff's buildings. The defendant denied appropriating the plaintiff's property as claimed. Judgment reserved.

Bennett vs. Palmer.—Action for injuries to a horse. Consent of judgment was given for \$15.

FORT STEELE HEARD FROM

Why K. C. R. Will be Built to That Place

Editor The Outcrop:—I am sorry you cannot yourself by expressing and exposing your ignorance in the situation regarding the position of Fort Steele and the K. C. R. in your issue of 26 April. In the first place we have no yearning for the vapors of journalistic carpet baggers that we have so long suffered from. Such have done an incalculable amount of injury to the past, both to ourselves and the public well. If you had looked up and enquired as to the results of the attempt to divert the route as applied for in the K. C. R. charter, you would know that the delegates sent for that purpose have returned crestfallen and out of pocket, as their backers have refused to put up for the wild goose chase they engaged in; also that they were politely and distinctly informed that those connected with a vast undertaking, such as building this railroad, could not entertain the idea of climbing mountains and descending valleys and dales; for what? accommodation of a small played-out temporary railroad terminus and cut-out timber limit without a redeeming feature, that should never have existed. No, Fort Steele does not need the sympathy you so kindly extend. Its geographical position, its rich agricultural, mineral and timber surrounding resources, navigable streams (similar to your own country), with a fractional per cent grade from point to point, place us on the line in the same position as ourselves, namely: A desirable natural point for the K. C. R. to reach, at the wisdom of the promoters of the scheme outlined.

Yours truly,
E. C. M.

[If all our friends E. C. M. says be true The Outcrop must acknowledge ignorance of the situation at Fort Steele, yet our friend has not produced any very convincing facts to show that it is in danger of losing its proposed railway or that it does not need the Prospector, as we stated in the article referred to. However, The Outcrop has no quarrel with Fort Steele and will be pleased to see the evidence of that town get busy and fight for their own best interests. The article was produced for the purpose of drawing out the Steele folk, as so much had been heard of their opponents, and from the above letter it is evident there is two sides to the question and E. C. M. at least has some fighting qualities, and perhaps some of our Cranbrook readers may desire to cross legs with him.]—E.C.M.

The modifications that plants undergo are sufficient to convince one of the great possibilities which await those who choose to make use of them to secure a large return from a limited area. It is well known that in proportion to some dwarf are more fruitful than standards, that they come into bearing sooner and are therefore of special value for use in limited inclosures or fruit gardens.

It would pay the ordinary investor to have the opinion of a practical man before putting his capital into a stock company. On a group of investors could combine and get the opinion. It would be money saved in the end, and if the practice was followed would make people who are in the habit of promoting wild schemes very cautious of making exaggerated statements.

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The variety of mineral wealth in North East Kootenay is great and it exists in many shapes, both in solid and liquid forms; instances of which The Outcrop has given in different articles published in its columns. It now again refers to instances of rich liquid deposits and these instances are its mineral wells and medicinal springs. These are scattered over a very large area and are found both in the Rocky mountain range in the east and the Selkirk on the west of the Kootenay Central Valley, and some day are destined to be great wealth producers.

The information regarding them is very scanty and most meagre in detail. All that is absolutely known about them is that they do exist and that their waters possess mineral properties and are believed to contain great medicinal virtues. This is true except with a few springs close at hand, and the value of these few have not been thoroughly investigated, although they have been frequented for years past by invalids and many cures are reported.

The reason why the information is so defective is that it is mainly obtained from the prospector and trapper, who have no knowledge of chemical compounds and are unacquainted with scientific facts about analytic solutions. They are synthesis, quick in their perceptions and readily form true conclusions, while searching for pelts and furs, quartz ledges and mineral fissures, their attention has been attracted to these springs, either by their strange taste or smell, by the hot temperature of the water, the clouds of evaporation arising, or the curious formation around the springs caused by the chemical action of the water on the surrounding matter. These curious phenomena have caused them to investigate, with the result that some of these springs have been located and a few of the hot springs are still held by private individuals.

Those that are near a well travelled trail or road are now fairly well known and some of them have acquired a reputation more than local for certain ailments. All of them remain practically in the same primitive condition as when they were first discovered, the owners holding their properties without doing anything to them, waiting until the country opens up, when their opportunity will come.

These springs may be divided into two classes—hot and cold. Reputation, derived from the miner and trapper, has labelled these two classes with two distinct types. All hot springs are "sulphur springs" whatever may be its chemical properties, and all cold springs are "soda springs", although there may not be a particle of sodium in their composition.

These springs will become better known, and in a short time careful analysis will be obtained of those not already made, so that their chemical properties will be ascertained. Only in a few instances have chemical analysis been obtained of these springs. The result has been to indicate that there is much valuable wealth in these liquid mineral resources, as they are in some of the richest ledges that have been staked.

In this present article The Outcrop will only further refer to one or two springs in a meagre way, although it is the object to obtain as full and accurate information as can be obtained about these great and peculiar sources of wealth—the mineral wells and medicinal springs—and any information offered will be welcomed and published.

The two springs most patronized are the Fairmont and Sinclair. The former are within five minutes walk of the main trunk road of this valley and the latter about two miles from the same road, but they are 28 miles apart. The most important point, seeing that their value is now generally acknowledged, is how can these hot springs be made wealth-producers. As a similar instance the Haleyon Hot Springs on Arrow Lake may be referred to. A few years ago these were scarcely known to exist, but by judiciously advertising they are now patronized by hundreds of people annually, bailing from all parts of the world, and a commodious sanitarium has been erected. Then, it will be necessary to erect buildings at or near the springs here and test their resources be known. This would work in well with the tourist movement, and is good material for a booster club to work upon.

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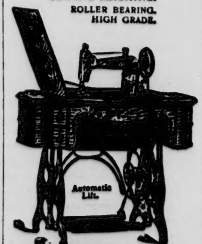
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R. R. Bruce, manager of the Paradise mine, returned to Wilmer on the Ptarmigan last Saturday, after an absence of several months spent in Scotland and Ontario, looking much improved in health. When seen by a reporter he said he had thoroughly enjoyed his trip to his old home, although most of the time he had been away he had plenty of business to occupy his attention. In answer to a question he said he was greatly pleased with the way the railway problem was being solved, and now that ten miles of the Kootenay Central was being built he believed the road would ultimately be completed, and, therefore, he thought the prospects of this country were never so bright as at present. He said he never felt more hopeful of the future of this valley than he did now, and was fully convinced that those who invested here were certain to receive their reward. He was not in quite such a rush as some others to see the road completed, for he was aware that it took considerable time to build railroads in a country like this. For his part he was exceedingly pleased to see ten miles built this year, even if nothing further was done. It was a good start in the right direction and it was a guarantee that the company that has it in hand means to finish it and also that the company recognizes the possibilities of the undeveloped resources of the valley. Mr. Bruce thought it was the duty of all those having the best interests of the country at heart to do all they can now to develop and show up the resources we have in order that the railway people can see where the traffic is to be laid. Asked if the Paradise would now be opened up, Mr. Bruce said development work would be started, but not on a very extensive scale. He went on to say that other interest made it necessary for him to return again shortly to Ontario, but he would not be away more than a few weeks.

Golden Star: Work is rapidly going ahead along the line of the K. C. R., where an immense army of men is now employed. The contractors are pushing work with all possible speed. Material is arriving by every train, while men are continually streaming out to the scene of operations. It is said that work will be carried on throughout the summer and possibly all next winter. The camps along the grade present a lively sight.

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